



Brief and important information for our users

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Extended legal events

In the former PRS database bibliographic information such as the priority date, filing date, grant of a patent, etc. was included for many countries e.g. DE, EP and GB.

To avoid duplication and inconsistencies in the EPO databases, this information is not included in the present PRS database, but only in DOCDB.

In complying with numerous requests from the users, the above decision has been revised. As a result, this data is to be newly generated in the near future and will be produced as a separate file on the same date (= Thursday) as the current legal status data delivery. Backfile and weekly updates will be produced from DOCDB XML files (backfile and weekly updates).

Data for extended legal events

These records will be extracted from the bibliographic database.

Below, a list of the data deemed to be vital and most appropriate for legal status data

- priorities
- filing date
- publication steps

This data will include among other publication events, the grant of the patent, since, in most cases, the grant is combined with a special publication step, e.g. B1 publication for EP data.